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## Synagogue-Community Centre Project Reaches Final Planning Stage

Recent events in connection with the Synagogue-Centre emphasize the increased activity which will culminate in the commencement of building operations within the next few months.

Of considerable interest is the change which took place in the organization at a meeting of contributors held on May 31 last. At that time, a set of general By-Laws was adopted for the management of the Synagogue-Centre, and the active control was vested in a Board of twenty-five Directors who were elected at that time. Immediately following this general meeting, the Directors met and pursuant to the By-Laws elected officers.

Interesting features of these By-Laws were first, to provide that Directors be elected by ballot from among the members, whereas previously, members of the Executive Committee had held office by reason of positions which they occupied on other bodies, and second, to provide for the election of officers by the Directors.

The following are the Directors and Officers elected:

**Directors:** A. L. Achbar, B. M. Alexandor, S. Berger, K.C., A. Betcherman, M. Betcherman, A. Bookman, S. Caplan, M. N. Drazin, M. R. Freedman, L. Freiman, H. Gould, L. S. Greenberg, S. Lepofsky, K.C., M. K. Levinson, A. H. Lief, K.C., M. Loeb, B. Palef, L. Petegorsky, T. Sachs, S. Saslove, A. Shaffer, J. H. Shenkinan, I. Stone, M. Zagerman, S. Zelikovitz.

**Officers:** President: B. M. Alexandor; Vice-Presidents: A. Betcherman, M. Zagerman; Treasurer: L. Petegorsky; Honorary Secretary: M. K. Levinson.

At a meeting of Directors held on June 13, which was attended by representatives of the two firms of architects who are preparing plans and specifications, the Directors examined the plans in great detail and approved construction of the first unit of the project. This, as previously indicated will consist of a building on the northerly portion of the Chapel Street property to include an assembly hall, stage, dressing rooms, projection room, kitchen, pantry, youth lounges and game rooms and meeting rooms.

In commenting on this the Directors point out that they are following the decision reached by the contributors that

### ELECTED PRESIDENT



B. M. ALEXANDOR

the immediate building programme should be governed by the amount of money presently available and that no new campaign for funds should be launched until the first unit is completed or at least well under way. Thus, in spite of popular demand for a synagogue and gymnasium, by far the most urgent needs are proper facilities for meetings, concerts, weddings, bar-mitzvahs and for youth recreational activities. The provision of these facilities in the first unit to be built will approximately exhaust the funds presently at our disposal.

Having adopted a "pay-as-you-go" policy, it is of the utmost importance that all contributors pay any outstanding amounts still due on their original pledges. The argument has been advanced by some that they will pay when building starts, but it is obviously impossible to start building until the Directors know exactly how much money will be available. Contributors are, therefore, earnestly requested to make their final payments now.

The Directors have not lost sight of the fact that the Community requires a complete Synagogue and Centre and that pledges

### THE RATIONALE OF THE DIETARY LAWS

Rabbi David de Sola Pool

Most Jews are ready to offer an explanation of the Jewish dietary laws. Even those who more or less disregard them will give a reason for them, though they may brush that reason aside as unsatisfactory for our times. Those who are loyal to these regulations of Jewish religious living will often justify their observance with the assertion that the Jewish dietary laws are fundamentally health laws. Trichinosis from eating pork, or typhoid from eating oysters, and other physical health facts will be adduced in support of their explanation. This was and still is true. But this is not the reason which the Bible gives for these laws.

Or we may be told that the dietary laws are a traditional expression of Jewish folk custom, analogous to the avoidance of eating the flesh of any animal by the Hindu or horseflesh by the English. The loyal Jew, desirous of preserving the characteristic richness of the historic national sancta and mores of the Jewish people, will therefore be zealous in adhering to these observances as an essential part of this traditional Jewish character. This also is true. But this is not the reason given for them by the Bible.

A third explanation offered is that observance of the dietary laws is enjoyed not only for their positive enrichment of Jewish living, but also for their value in preserving Jewish identity in a non-Jewish environment. The dietary laws set up a needed line of demarcation beyond which lies that more intimate social mixing which so readily leads to mixed marriages and loss of religious identity. This also is true. But it remains true that the Bible does not mention this as the reason for the dietary laws.

The Bible gives one and only one reason for them. That reason is not one of national health or of physical health but one of spiritual health.

The Bible uniformly regards the dietary laws as a discipline of holiness. They are a discipline of purity exercised in a field that can otherwise so readily become gross. They are a discipline of the spirit imposed on a process that is otherwise entirely physical. They are an insistence that man's eating should be not only a satisfaction of his bodily appetites but should also be an exercise in holiness of the soul. The dietary laws take one of the most regularly recurrent physical actions of life and invest it with the aura of sanctity.

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KASHRUTH**

The Jewish Dietary Laws, important among the fundamental laws of Judaism, are responsible to a considerable degree for the spiritual preservation of the Jewish people, and, in a like measure, for the hygienic development which, in the life of the Jew, proved to be of remarkable combative resistance to various diseases.

It is a cardinal principle of Judaism that man must take the greatest care of his health and it is considered his sacred duty to observe, consistent with Jewish laws, those hygienic regulations promulgated not only in the Bible but advocated by medical specialists at all times. A considerable section of the Jewish laws of conduct deal with purely hygienic practices; and among them are discussed various articles of diet which may, or may not, be partaken of on account of their hygienic importance. Examined from the sanitary point of view or from the point of view of public health, the Jewish dietary laws and injunctions have through all ages been regarded by Jews and Gentiles as of the greatest practical hygienic value.

The laws of Kashruth form a vital source necessary for the sustenance of health and life of a people which looks far into the future. Physical strength is not derived from quantity of food one assimilates in his system, but from quality.

The term "Kosher" means "fit" or "proper"; it does not mean clean alone as many suppose. Kosher implies that the animal is among those permitted to be eaten; that it was slaughtered properly, and that it is not "Traifoh."

The term "Traifoh" is used for all forbidden food. In regard to animals it means that the animal has a disease, an ailment or an injury which could cause it to die.

Men that believe only what they understand can write their creed on a postage stamp.

*Austin O'Malley***SUMMER IS THE TIME FOR READING****BOOK NOTES By Deborah Lifschutz**

**HATE, HOPE AND HIGH EXPLOSIVES.** By George Fielding Eliot. Bobbs Merrill Co. 1948. 284 pp. \$2.75.

Even before the courage and discipline of the Israeli Army successfully re-established the nation of Israel, George Fielding Eliot, with accuracy appraised the strength of Jewish arms.

In dramatic first hand account, Mr. Eliot brings the reader face to face with the important figures of the Middle East. With his keenly alert mind, he reports the human story of the Jew, Arab, Turk, Greek and Iranian. He interviews the leaders of all these peoples, in addition to British and American military leaders, drawing his own conclusions and giving facts about the Middle East, their military strength and conflicts. This is written as a personal journal of travel and adventure, and as such makes for very interesting reading.

**TALES OF MY PEOPLE.** By Sholom Asch. Translated by Meyer Levin. G. P. Putnam's Son. New York. 1948. 272 pp. \$3.00.

Dedicated to the citizens of the hell holes of Europe, Sholom Asch, the story teller with such keen insight and sympathy for his people and their future, who feels that "in defeat we are victorious; in death we are reborn," gives us tales about a people whose spirit, courage, and quiet heroism, have helped them face a physical death but whose spirit never will be broken.

In this collection are found the story of the ninety-three maidens who preferred death to life in an SS brothel; the story of Yitche-Meir who prefers death to the desecration of his faith, and thereby transforms the cowed group of Jewish slave labourers into a congregation reciting the Kaddish for him; the little Jewish maiden who has escaped from German hands, and brings her baby brother to the nunnery, and who stays only on condition that she and her brother may recite their Modeh Ani each morning.

A tribute to those who died "Al Kiddush Hashem."

**TEVYE'S DAUGHTERS.** By Sholom Aleichem. Crown Publishers. New York. 1949. 302 pp. \$3.00.

This is a delightful volume translated by Frances Butwin who has retained all the flavour and nuances of the Yiddish idiom, in the English version. The stories are entertaining, and for the more discerning, give us a true picture of the milieu in which Tevye lived, his problems, his humor, and his faith. All told, they give us a picture of the typical Jew in Europe during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

**LEAVE IT TO THE PEOPLE.** By Quentin Reynolds. Random House, Inc. 1949. 341 pp. \$4.50.

Quentin Reynolds has written a fascinating story of people and what they think. He has met the important people of Europe; the cab drivers, farmers, tavern keepers, workers, etc., and has discovered through the eyes of the common people that the growing force in Europe is democracy, and the secret weapon for this great ideal, is, "the people." Especially of interest to us is the chapter on Israel, in which, too, Quentin Reynolds meets the people. A timely and convincing book.

**PRINCE OF THE GHETTO.** By Maurice Samuel. Alfred A. Knopf. New York. 1948. 294 pp. \$3.00.

Once again, Maurice Samuel has succeeded in bringing to us the spirit and the soul of the original Yiddish, in his translation of Peretz. This book is unique in that Mr. Samuel so successfully presents an introduction to each of the stories, in which he describes Peretz, his career, his struggles against the influence of his time, and his espousal of the cause of the underdog. Mr. Samuel has kept in his translation of the Hasidic tales, the essence and mood of the original.

This is a fine volume and an enjoyable one.

**THE IMPATIENT SAGES.** A legend by Samuel Lewin. Woodcuts by Joseph Budko. The Beechurst Press. 1948. 79 pp. \$5.00.

The Impatient Sages is the story of three Chasidic Rabbis, the "Kosnitzer", the "Lubliner", and the "Ritcheviler", and their followers, who have decided that since so much suffering was being borne by the Jews, they must storm the gates of heaven and demand that G-d send help to the world at once.

The Lubliner, the Rabbi who initiated this movement meets with opposition, which he overcomes, and they finally set the time for the attack upon the gates of heaven. It is to take place during the season of Rosh Hashonoh and the Ten Days of Penitence. Their weapons are to be prayer and the united will of the Rabbis and the people. The conflict is described very dramatically, but, alas, the outcome is defeat. All their efforts are in vain so long as sins are still committed on earth. And so, the world can not be redeemed.

The story is told in a fascinating manner, and the description of hasidic life is most intimate and touching.



## HANOAR STUDY AND BREAKFAST CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL FATHER AND SON SESSION

Over 100 members, parents and friends of the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club attended the Annual Father and Son Session and Oratorical Contest on Sunday morning, May 22 in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

The impressive services were conducted by William Altow, Abe Greenberg and Carl Baylin while Gerald Abrams and Lawrence Greenberg read English translations.

At the breakfast following services, Mr. L. S. Greenberg, Chairman of the Breakfast Club Committee extended an official welcome to the gathering on behalf of the Vaad Ha'Tr and presented gifts to Directors Hy Hochberg and Ben Steinberg.

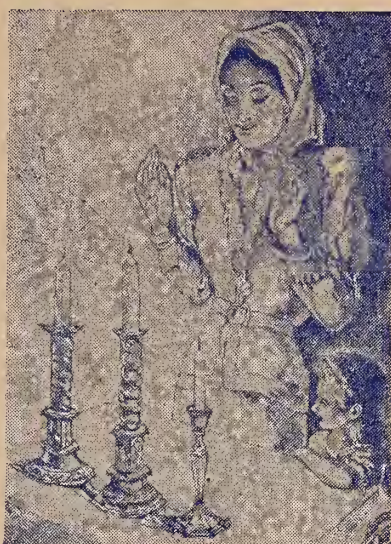
Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz presented the U.O.J.C.A. Bar-Mitzvah Certificate and a volume entitled "Bar-Mitzvah" by the late Dr. Pereira Mendes to the boys who attained Bar-Mitzvah during the year as a personal gift from Mrs. Lifschutz and himself.

The Robert Edelstein Trophy for delivery in the Oratorical Contest was won by Arnold Ages and presented to him by Mr. Robert Edelstein. The Lawrence Freiman Award for content material was won by Harold Lithwick. Mr. M. Zagerman made the presentation on Mr. Freiman's behalf. The M. R. Freedman award for third place was made by Mr. Freedman to Gerald Zaichuk. Consolation prizes were donated by Mr. Joe Feller and presented on his behalf by Mr. A. Bookman to Carl Baylin, and Sam Goldmaker. Messrs. R. Edelstein, M. B. Abrams and H. Rubin acted as Judges.

The following awards were also presented:

L. S. Greenberg Achievement Awards presented by Mr. Greenberg to Arnold Ages, Joel Cohen, Samuel Gershon, Bernard Pearl, Bernard Shinder and Sol Shinder; The Sam Caplan Award for Interest and Attendance presented by Mr. M. B. Abrams on Mr. Caplan's behalf to Harold Lithwick; The Shaffer Achievement Award presented by Mr. Milton Shaffer to Gerald Abrams, Alfred Friedman, Irving Gencher, Lawrence Greenberg, Norman Kert and Lawrence Weiner; Rev. J. Mirsky Memorial Prize donated by Mr. M. Mirsky and presented on his behalf by Mr. D. Zelikovitz to Carl Baylin; Joe Feller Award for Second Best Chazan presented on his behalf by Mr. A. Shaffer to Norman Beiles; Harold Rubin Achievement Awards presented by Mr. Hy Gould on Mr. Rubin's behalf to Norman Beiles, Percy Brill, Ronald Bodnoff, Jarvis Freedman, Ronald Gould and Max Larventz; Max Feller Interest Prizes presented by Mr. Feller to Samuel Froman, Gerry Snyder and Robert Winter; Bowling Prizes donated by Messrs. B. M. Alexandor and A. Betcherman and presented on their behalf by Mr. Saul Saslove to Joel Cohen,

## KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS



"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos"

### SCHEDULE

(Daylight Saving Time)

June 24.....	8:37 p.m.
July 1.....	8:37 p.m.
July 8.....	8:35 p.m.
July 15.....	8:30 p.m.
July 22.....	8:24 p.m.
July 29.....	8:17 p.m.
August 5.....	8:08 p.m.
August 12.....	7:57 p.m.
August 19.....	7:46 p.m.
August 26.....	7:34 p.m.
September 2.....	7:20 p.m.
September 9.....	7:09 p.m.
September 16.....	6:55 p.m.

### THE MEZZUZAH

When I was just a little boy,  
Not more than three or four,  
Dad showed me the small wooden box  
That hung at our front door.  
It was a case of olive wood  
And held a tiny roll;  
Dad lifted me that I might see  
G-d's name upon the scroll.  
"When great kings sleep," my daddy said,  
"Their soldiers have to arm  
And stand with swords before the door  
To guard them from all harm."  
"But when a Jew has gone to bed  
Who G-d's commandments keeps,  
This is the sign that Israel's king  
Protects him while he sleeps."

*Elma Ehrlich Levinger.*

Lawrence Weiner, Sam Klamman, Sol Shinder, Carl Baylin, Martin Cardash and Abe Murray; Joel Zagerman Memorial Awards donated by Mr. M. Zagerman and presented on his behalf by Mr. R. Edelstein to Abe Greenberg and Shelby Streen; Breakfast Club Pins to Bernard Rosenblatt and Hymie Klein; Tel Aviv Tennis Club Membership to all members under 15 years of age.

Thanks were expressed to Mesdames E. L. Lifschutz, M. Altow, M. Baylin, I. Beiles Y. Hochberg for their preparation of the appetizing breakfast.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLD CLOSING EXERCISES

The Annual Closing Exercises of the Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School were held on June 12 in the Assembly Hall of Osgoode St. School.

Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz, Mr. J. Barrett, Miss B. Cardash, Mrs. B. Lesh, Mr. I. Wexler and Mrs. M. Bookman were on the platform.

Mr. J. Barrett, President of the Parents Group, expressed regrets at the resignation of the Director, Miss Bess Cardash, who has so capably held this position for the past three years.

The following prizes and awards were presented:

*Primary Class:* 1st Prize, Anne Freedman Memorial Award donated by Mr. M. R. Freedman for General Proficiency won by Helen Monson. 2nd Prize in General Proficiency donated by Ottawa B'nai B'rith won by Murray Palmer.

*Grade 1:* 1st Prize in History, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sadinsky Memorial Prize donated by Mrs. M. Zagerman, won by Sheila Greenberg. 1st Prize in Customs and Ceremonies, B'nai B'rith Scholarship Awards, won by Stanley Ages. 1st Prize in General Proficiency, B'nai B'rith Scholarship Awards, won by Carol Wexler. 2nd Prize in General Proficiency, B'nai B'rith Scholarship Awards, won by Cynthia Gertsman.

*Grade 2:* 1st Prize in History, B'nai B'rith Scholarship Awards, won by Charlotte Lesh. 1st Prize in Handwork and Colouring, B'nai B'rith Scholarship Awards, won by Barbara Smith.

*Grade 3:* 1st Prize in General Proficiency, B'nai B'rith Scholarship Awards, won by Audrey Gertsman. 1st Prize in Customs and Ceremonies, B'nai B'rith Scholarship Awards, won by Ethel Glustein.

Winners of Attendance Certificates were:

*Primary Class:* Rebecca Ann Bookman, Michel A. Fineberg, Maxine Goldenberg, Allan Greenberg, Zelda Jacobson, Morris Kathnelson, Sandra Lesh, Lewis David Levendal, Helen Francis Molot, Helen Monson, Murray Palmer, Carine Schechter, Phyllis Shabinsky, Arlene Wasserman, Judith Wolfe, Goldalyn Maser, Johnny Marks, Lawrence Kardish, Marilyn Taller.

*Grade 1:* Ralph Adler, Stanley Ages Gordon Allice, Stanley Dermer, Cynthia Gertsman, Sheila Greenberg, Marilyn Kaplan, Allan Sugarman.

*Grade 2:* Barbara Molot, Beverley Wolfe, Charlotte Lesh, Barbara Smith.

*Grade 3:* Ethel Glustein, Audrey Gertsman.

*Grade 4:* Sarah Glustein, Penny Goldenberg.

### HIGH HOLIDAY DATES

**Rosh Hashonoh**—Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25.

**Yom Kippur**—Monday, October 3.



## MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended on the marriages of:

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lionel Adelberg (nee Rosaline Shoihet) who were married June 19 in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blezensky (nee Helen Greenberg) who were married May 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Swedko.

Mr. and Mrs. Zowell Goldberg (nee Rebecca Skulsky) who were married June 19 in the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rodman (nee Beatrice Applebaum) who were married June 12 in the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shinder (nee Florence Shiffman) who were married June 5 in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

## CRADLE ROLL

Baby daughter Susan Eileen (Shoshana) born May 10 to Mr. and Mrs. David Abramovitch (nee Jenny Greenberg).

Baby daughter Charlotte Ann (Chava Hena) born June 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe Cantor (nee Miriam Cohen).

Baby daughter Barbara Ada (Brocho Yita) born May 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Max Greenberg (nee Fritzie Boguslovsky).

Baby daughter Barbara Lynn, born May 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Hy Hollander (nee Ida Dover).

Baby son Mervyn Jack (Mordecai Jacob) born June 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacie C. Horwitz (nee Jeanne Rich).

Baby son Steven Mark (Moshe Mordecai) born May 20 in North Bay to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kizell (nee Edith Dover).

Baby son Brian Harvey (Leib Zvi Hersch) born May 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Levitan (nee Cecelia Monson).

Baby daughter Bryna Susan (Bryna Sara) born May 19 to Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. Nathan Levitin (nee Miriam Feinstein).

Baby daughter Marnie Susan (Sarah Malkah) born June 1 to Mr. and Mrs. David Maser (nee Dorothy Sherman).

Baby son born June 5 in Boston, Mass. to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Michaelson (nee Lena Betcherman).

Baby son Stephen Ronald (Shlomo Reuben) born May 22 to Mr. and Mrs. David Polowin (nee Betty Cowan).

Baby son Steven Howard (Shepsel Chaim) born May 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rubin (nee Sylvia Mosion).

Baby daughter Adele Fayge born June 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Steinman (nee Thelma Rivers).

Baby daughter Barbara Constance (Bassa Chaye) born May 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weiner (nee Eleanor Oster).

Baby daughter Susan Anne (Sarah Aidel) born June 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palef (nee Bernice Eidlow).

## TALMUD TORAH TO GRADUATE SIX PUPILS

Climaxing a period of seven years study in the Talmud Torah, Martin Cardash, Max Greenberg, Eli Rabin, Bernard Rosenblatt, Norman Schneider and Anita Steinberg will graduate and participate in the Graduation Exercises of the Ottawa Talmud Torah on Sunday morning, June 26 at 11:00 a.m., in the Agudath Achim Congregation.

During their course of study, the students have completed the Five Books of Moses, with Rashi, all the minor prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel I and II and Kings I and II) and excerpts from Isaiah and Ezekiel.

The graduates have acquired considerable knowledge of the Hebrew language in both the written and spoken word. Their curriculum has also included the main periods of Jewish history up to and including the establishment of the State of Israel, and the study of Jewish Customs and Ceremonies relevant to holiday observances and daily Jewish life.

This year they began the study of Talmud and have already completed one chapter of "Babba Metzia."

A number of the graduates are now preparing themselves for advanced study in various yeshivos.

Parents and friends are cordially invited to be present at the Graduation Exercises on June 26.

## SHIVA OSOR B'TAMUZ—JULY 14 TISHA B'AV—AUGUST 4

Shiva Osor B'Tamuz which falls on Thursday, July 14 is the fast day commemorating the day the Babylonian Army made the first breach in the Jerusalem wall during the siege in the year 586 B.C.E. It begins the three week period of sadness which culminates in Tisha B'Av which falls on August 4.

## SADNESS

The community mourns the recent loss of the late

**Gittel Ginsberg**

**Ben Zion Pearl**

**Baby Marlene Karp**

May their memory be a blessing.  
May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.

## SYNAGOGUE-CENTRE

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originally made in 1943 were for that purpose. We must all be constantly aware of our obligation to complete the project as soon as possible so that all phases of Jewish communal activity in Ottawa may be served by the building to be erected on Chapel and Rideau Streets which will ultimately comprise a Synagogue, a Community Centre and a Hebrew School.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Paris—Hassan Almedi, 37 year old Caliph of Spanish Morocco, who was recently married, invited the Rabbi and leaders of the Jewish community of Tetuan, capital city of his kingdom. For his Jewish guests, the Caliph provided food prepared according to Jewish Dietary Laws.

## KASHRUTH IN MOSCOW

Mrs. Goldie Meyerson, former Israeli Ambassador to the Soviet Union, has disclosed that the kitchen of the Israeli legation in Moscow will be "Kosher" and that the staff of the embassy will observe the Sabbath by attending the Synagogue. It does not matter whether Mrs. Meyerson and her aides are "orthodox" according to the accepted definition. What matters is that officials of Israel representing the State uphold the law without which the Jewish national determination "to renew our days as of old" would have perished long ago.

Kashruth and Sabbath observances are much more than a "private" religious affair. They are the testimony and seal of Jewish national solidarity. It is reassuring to know that in this axiom all parties in Israel are agreed.

*Jewish Spectator*

## A PHILOSOPHER

Professor Morris Raphael Cohen held the chair of philosophy in the City College of New York for over twenty-five years. His name holds a high and distinguished place among American philosophers. He has influenced countless numbers of leaders in the field of philosophy, jurisprudence and science. In his autobiography entitled "A Dreamer's Journey" he declares that in his early manhood he renounced Judaism as a religion because of its supernatural elements, but in his later years he confessed to the wisdom and consolations of Jewish custom, rite and ceremony. He discovered in them channels through which the anguished spirit of his people found release and hope.

## TELL YOUR NON-JEWISH FRIENDS

Speaking of the "Trichinosis Problem" the Merck Report states: "The disease is caused by a small roundworm parasite, trichina-spiralis, which infests man, hogs, dogs, rats, cats and bears. However, human beings usually acquire the disease from swine. The chief source of human trichinosis is the eating of trichina-infected pork from hogs fed raw garbage.

"One of every six persons examined by the National Institute of Health (U.S.A.) was found to be infected with trichinae.

While 1,864 trichinosis cases, with 54 deaths, had been reported in New York State between 1930 and 1941, this was no indication at all of the size or importance of the problem, for trichinosis is not readily recognized, and many cases are not reported to the health authorities."